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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :
Manabu OUMI et al. :
Serial No. 09/997,484 : Group Art Unit - 2873
Filed: November 21, 2001 : Examiner - David N. Spector
For: METHOD OF FABRICATING :
OPTICAL APERTURE AND :
METHOD OF FABRICATING :
PROBE FOR NEAR FIELD :
LIGHT DEVICE : Docket No. S004-4470

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND REQUIRED EXTENSION FEE

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Applicants respectfully request a one-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action dated June 20, 2003, and request that the period for taking further action be reset to expire on September 20, 2003. This is an extension request for replying to the June 20 Office Action within the first month pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

The reason for the present request is to provide additional time to study the June 20 Office Action and take appropriate action in response thereto.

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A check in the amount \$110.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the required fee. Should the check prove insufficient for any reason, authorization is hereby given to charge any such insufficiency to Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

Respectfully submitted,

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